

ATTACHMENT A

Remarks

Claims 1-51 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being "indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention."

Specific objections have been raised to the language used in lines 11 and 13 of claim 1, in line 3 of claim 11, in claims 29 and 30, and in claim 49 including a specific objection to line 9. All of these claims have been amended to overcome the objections raised by clarifying what was meant by the recitation in question or modifying the recitation to provide clear antecedent basis therefor. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims overcome the objections raised and place the claims in condition for allowance.

In addition, the claims have also been amended to improve the form thereof by correcting misspellings, omitting capital letters in the middle of the claims, eliminating, in some instances, the phrase "characterized by" and by omitting the reference numbers in parentheses in the various claims. The changes are obviously merely formal in nature.

Because claims 1-51 have been indicated to be "allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action," and because claims 1-51 have been so amended, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has made an earnest effort to address each of the points raised by the Examiner and to thus place this application in condition for allowance. Given the formal nature of the issues involved here, if problems still remain, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned so that these problems can be resolved.